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Happy Thanksgiving



Saint Patrick's
Religious Education
November Newsletter 2015



Thanksgiving
Prayers

Table Prayer

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us.

Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today.

Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for

November Calendar of Events

November 1, 2015

Feast of All Saints

November 2, 2015

All Souls Day

November 3, 2015

Religious Education Classes -
7:00 pm

November 7, 2015

SATURDAY

**Italian Dinner Fundraiser
4:00 - 8:00 pm in the Gym**

Service Opportunity for our Confirmation
Students

November 8, 2015

Religious Education Classes
8:30 am and 11:00 am

Confirmation Parent Make Up Mtng at 8:30 & 11:00 am
Class Mass B

November 10, 2015

Class Meets - 7:00 pm
Confirmation Parent Make Up Meeting at 7:00 pm

November 15

Class Meets
8:30 am and 11:00 am

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Class Mass A

November 17

Class Meets
7:00 pm

November 22

Class Meets
8:30 am and 11:00 am

Class Mass B

November 24

Class Meets

the presence of those
gathered here.

Thank you for our
health, our work and
our play. Please send
help to those who are
hungry, alone, sick and
suffering war and
violence.

Open our hearts to
your love. We ask your
blessing through Christ
your Son. Amen.

**Thanksgiving
Prayer**

This Thanksgiving let
those of us who have
much and those who
have little gather at the
welcoming table of the
Lord. At this blessed
feast, may rich and
poor alike remember
that we are called to
serve on another and to
walk together in God's
gracious world. With
thankful hearts we
praise our God who
like a loving parent
denies us no good
thing.

7:00 pm

November 29 and December 1

NO CLASSES - Happy Thanksgiving!!!!!!

Italian Dinner

November 7, 2015



*Come to our Italian Dinner-
The GREAT taste of Italy right
here in Joliet!!!*

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

***Four Types of Pasta
A GREAT Appetizer Buffet
Salad, Bread/Olive Oil, Dessert
Water and Coffee Free
Other beverages available for purchase...***

*St. Patrick's Religious Education is sponsoring an Italian Dinner
with all proceeds going to benefit the RE program at the parish.*

Please join us and support this worthy cause.

*Adults - \$10.00 Seniors - \$8.00 Children - \$5.00
Family Discount Available / Carry Outs*



Vocation Cross

Each week a different class prays for an increase in vocations to the consecrated life. The catechists discuss with each class how important vocations to the religious life are to the Catholic church. In 2013, Pope Francis declared that a Year of Consecrated Life (YCL) be celebrated throughout the world. The Year of Consecrated Life began on the First Sunday of

Advent, November 30, 2014. It will close on the World Day of Consecrated Life, February 2, 2016.

"It is a challenge today to create a culture of vocation that will encourage and assist our youngest members to respond to God's call. As a parent, you can perform no higher undertaking than to be an example of the Catholic faith and to establish a culture of vocation in your home." - USCCB.ORG

The Christian Origins of All Hallow's Eve

When you think of Halloween, what comes to mind? For a lot of people, Halloween has become synonymous with candy, costumes, scary stuff, witches, ghosts and pumpkins. But do you know the Christian connection to the holiday?

The true origins of Halloween lie with the ancient Celtic tribes who lived in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany. For the Celts, November 1 marked the beginning of a new year and the coming of winter. The night before the new year, they celebrated the festival of Samhain, Lord of the Dead. During this festival, Celts believed the souls of the dead including ghosts, goblins and witches returned to mingle with the living. In order to scare away the evil spirits, people would wear masks and light bonfires. When the Romans conquered the Celts, they added their own touches to the Samhain festival, such as making centerpieces out of apples and nuts for Pomona, the Roman goddess of the orchards. The Romans also bobbed for apples and drank cider traditions which may sound familiar to you. But where does the Christian aspect of the holiday come into play? In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all the martyrs (later all saints) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as All Hallow Even or holy evening. Eventually the name was shortened to the current Halloween. On November 2, the Church celebrates All Souls Day.

The purpose of these feasts is to remember those who have died, whether they are officially recognized by the Church as saints or not. It is a celebration of the communion of saints, which reminds us that the Church is not bound by space or time.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that through the communion of saints a perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an

abundant exchange of all good things (#1475).

To read the rest of this article and to learn ways to enjoy some GREAT Halloween family fun, please visit [American Catholic](#).

Another article on the origin of Halloween from the Catholic Education Resource Center can be found [here](#).

Soul Cakes: The Origin of Trick or Treat



During the Middle Ages in England, on the night before All Saints Day, or Hallowmas, peasants and children called "soulers" would go about town singing and praying for the souls of the dead. They would stop at homes and beg for a "soul cake" and promise in return to pray for the household's deceased family members to be released from purgatory.

Here is the traditional song:

*Soul, Soul, a soul cake!
I pray thee, good missus, a soul cake!
One for Peter, two for Paul,
three for Him what made us all!*

This article and recipe can be found at the Catholic Cuisine [website](#).

All Saints Day - November 1, 2015

Quick Facts:

- Date: November 1
- Type of Feast: Solemnity; Holy Day of Obligation Readings: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a
- Prayers: Litany of the Saints
- Other Names for the Feast: All Saints' Day, Feast of All Saints



Introduction to All Saints Day:

All Saints Day, the day on which Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown, is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their death. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honored.

History of All Saints Day:

By the late fourth century, this common feast was celebrated in Antioch, and Saint Ephrem the Syrian mentioned it in a sermon in 373. In the early centuries, this feast was celebrated in the Easter season, and the Eastern Churches, both Catholic and Orthodox, still celebrate it then.

The current date of November 1 was instituted by Pope Gregory III (731-741), when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and ordered an annual celebration. This celebration was originally confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the feast to the entire Church and ordered it to be celebrated on November 1.

The vigil or eve of the feast, October 31, is commonly known as All Hallows Eve, or Halloween. Despite concerns among some Christians (including some

Catholics) in recent years about the "pagan origins" of Halloween, the vigil was celebrated from the beginning-long before Irish practices, stripped of their pagan origins (just as the Christmas tree was stripped of similar connotations), were incorporated into popular celebrations of the feast.

from http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/All_Saints_Day.htm



CHILDREN IN OUR FIFTH GRADE A CLASS DRESSED AS SAINTS

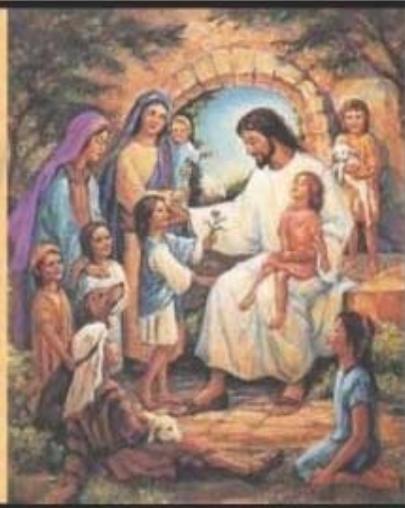
This Sunday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints Day!!!! Children in our Fifth Grade A Class dressed as Saints and processed in!!!! From left to right we have St. Kateri, Mary, Mother of God, St. Joseph, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Brigid, St. Gabriel, and St. Veronica!!!!

Confirmation Parent Make Up Meetings November 8th and November 10th

Make up meetings will be held for all parents who missed our Oct. 27th Confirmation Parent Meeting. The meetings will take place during regular class times - 8:30 am and 11:00 am on Sunday and at 7:00 pm on Tuesday in the Saint Angela Room.

All material for the reception of the sacrament will be covered. Each meeting will last approximately one hour.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Saint Patrick's Children's Liturgy of the Word is scheduled for every Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass.

What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

The Liturgy of the Word with children is a special opportunity for children ages 4 until reception of First Communion to understand and appreciate Scripture at Sunday Mass.

Basically, after the opening prayer at Sunday Mass, the children are invited to come forward with an adult Prayer Leader, receive a blessing and go to the Saint Angela Room to participate in their own Liturgy of the Word. Children rejoin their families in church after the Prayer of the Faithful.

**Our
Series
By
Loyola
Press**

The publisher we use here at Saint Patrick's Religious Education offers many resources for the family. Please visit the following websites to learn more.

[Christ our Life for Grades First through Confirmation Two](#)
Second Grade uses a Silver Burdett series on Reconciliation and First Communion.



Mass Attendance for Sacrament Years

As explained at our Confirmation and Reconciliation Parent Meetings, I have begun taking Mass attendance for all Confirmation and First Communion students.

- Students in Confirmation One, Confirmation Two, First Communion and Tutoring Class please turn in your Mass cards (found in the box on the table in the Narthex) to the celebrant of the Mass every Saturday or Sunday.

- If you are attending another church, please bring the bulletin from that parish to class and turn it in to your catechist.



Drop Off/Parking



We need to be very careful when picking up children at 9:45 am. The parking lot is VERY crowded with parishioners who are parking to attend the 10:00 am Mass. Parents, it

would be better if you parked your car and walked your children to class. When children are let out in the parking lot, they run to the door and with so many cars, they might not be seen clearly - this is a dangerous situation.

We are looking for someone to stand out in the lot at this time to monitor traffic. If you are interested in this position, please let me know and you will receive a discount on your tuition.

Thanks so much!!!



God bless you this Thanksgiving and always!
from - Saint Patrick's Religious Education Catechists and Staff.

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